

Devotions 2024: July 15 to July 21

For daily devotions I am going to start using 60 days of prayer published by Guideposts.

Monday: The Light of Compassion

Matthew 5:17 – Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Just as the sun rises each day, God calls us to illuminate the world with compassion. The Law and the Prophets teach us about justice, but Jesus reminds us that the true fulfillment of these teachings lies in compassion for others. Like a gentle dawn breaking the darkness, your compassion can bring hope and healing into the lives of those around you.

Prayer: Lord, may my actions reflect Your teachings and bring hope to those in need.

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Tuesday: Strength in Surrender

Judges 16:28 – Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more...”

Through Samson, we see the humbling transformation of a man who once relied solely on his own strength. In his final act, stripped of his power and sight, he surrendered fully to God, finding a strength that surpasses all understanding. This tale reminds us that true power does not come from our talents but from our complete surrender to God.

Prayer: God, in my weakness, may I find Your strength. Remind me to surrender my pride and draw from Your infinite power.

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Wednesday: Second Chances

John 8:11 – “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin”

When you are haunted by past mistakes, remember that Jesus offers you a second chance. His mercy is an opportunity to move forward and start anew. His forgiveness is complete. Embrace this gift, and let it lead you forward.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for Your forgiveness and for second chances.

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Thursday: Approval in His Love

Galatians 1:10 – Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

At some point in your spiritual journey, you may face a dilemma; whether to seek the acceptance of others or follow God’s calling. It is important to remember that your relationship with God is personal, and it is not shaped by what the world thinks. Stay true to your inner voice. By striving to please God, you will discover your true purpose.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me find my true purpose in serving You.

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Friday: Unstoppable Justice

Amos 5:24 – But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

When it seems like there is no end to the injustice in the world, take comfort in the fact that God’s justice is like a powerful and unstoppable river: It will wash away all forms of wrongdoing. His righteousness is steadfast.

Prayer: Dear God, fill me with the hope of Your perfect righteousness.

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Saturday: The Legacy of Goodness

2 Chronicles 32:27 – Hezekiah had very great wealth and honor, and he made treasuries for his silver and gold and for his precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuables.

In your life, you have collected experiences, wisdom, and love. Each day presents a new opportunity to add to this spiritual treasure trove, crafting a legacy beyond the physical realm. In the grand scheme, it is not the material riches we amass but the intangible ones that truly matter.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me recognize the truest forms of wealth.

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Sunday: The Boundless Sea

Job 38:8 – Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb.

The ocean, with its vastness and depths, is a testament to God's limitless power and authority. Envision the ocean in your mind's eye and let it humble you, reminding you of your place in His grand design. Stand in awe of His greatness.

Prayer: Dear God, as I reflect on the wonders of Your creation, I am reminded of Your unending love.

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